COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH STATE HEALTH AND STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES AND WITH TITLE V GRANTEES

The State agency has written agreements with State health and State vocational rehabilitation agencies (including agencies which administer and supervise a health or vocational rehabilitation service) which clearly establishes a working relationship and provides for confidentiality of client records between the agencies involved.

Supplement 1 is the Memorandum of Agreement with the State Division of Public Health assuring that services supervised and administered by both agencies are coordinated with the medical care and services provided by the Title XIX plan. In all areas of administration and services in respect to mutual clients, the State agency and the State Division of Public Health, insofar as possible, provide for reciprocal referral services, exchange of reports of services and coordination of plans for the individual.

The agreement further provides for: joint evaluation of policies that affect the cooperative work of both agencies and joint planning for any changes that may be required to achieve goals; continuous liaison between both agencies; district and State staff; and overall responsibility for such liaison shall rest with the Director of each agency; the furnishing of consultative services as required and requested by the State agency and the payment for such services and consultation as may be mutually agreed upon by both agencies.

Supplement 2 is the Memorandum of Agreement with the State vocational rehabilitation agency assuring that mutual objectives and respective responsibilities of the State agency and the State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in respect to services offered mutual clients. The agreement is directed toward using the resources of both agencies to the best advantage and in the best interests of the clients served. The cooperative arrangement includes provision for a reciprocal referral service; exchange of reports of service; coordination of plans for the individual client; joint evaluation of policies that affect the cooperative work of both agencies; joint planning for any changes that may be needed to achieve the joint goals; continuous liaison by social service staff of both agencies at the district level. At the State agency level, the appropriate program director and the Director of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation meet as required to coordinate the plans and activities of both agencies in respect to the cooperative agreement.

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